



29 Mar 2019

# Principal's Letter to Parents

## Term 2, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We held our Parents' Brunch with School Leaders cum Learning Festival 2019 on 9 March 2019 (Sat). I want to thank the parents who took time to be with us at the event. All of the parents reflected that it was a good time of learning. If you want to catch up on the notes/slides for the academic sharing sessions, do visit <https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/articles/announcements/resources-from-parents-learning-festival-2019>.

I shared this video with the parents who attended the event:

- "Are Helicopter Parents Ruining a Generation?"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CeltroSGco> .

It serves as a good reminder for us, who are parents, to know that what we do for our kids may sometimes impede them from growing up well. Our teenage girls face physical, psychological, and emotional challenges in their lives. It is unrealistic for us to create a world that is free of challenges around our girls. Some risk factors are necessary for our girls to develop lifeskills and a sense of personal agency. Our aim is to help our girls grow up into confident young ladies who are able to overcome challenges on their own, without needing us to be constantly assisting them.

### 1. 2019 MOE's Committee of Supply Debate

We invite you to view the following videos so that you can be updated with the latest announcements on the changes in the educational landscape as announced at the 2019 COS Debates:

10 things to know about MOE's Committee of Supply Debate 2019	<a href="https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/10-things-to-know-about-moe%27s-committee-of-supply-debate-2019">https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/10-things-to-know-about-moe%27s-committee-of-supply-debate-2019</a>
Key Changes to Education System, with FSBB	<a href="https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/key-changes-to-education-system-with-fsbb">https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/key-changes-to-education-system-with-fsbb</a>
Fireside Chat with Minister Ong on Remaking Secondary School Pathways	<a href="https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/fireside-chat-with-minister-ong-on-remaking-secondary-school-pathways">https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/fireside-chat-with-minister-ong-on-remaking-secondary-school-pathways</a>
Explaining FSBB	<a href="https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/explaining-fsbb">https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/explaining-fsbb</a>
What was our experience in taking up Subject-Based Banding?	<a href="https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/what-was-our-experience-in-taking-up-subject-based-banding">https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/what-was-our-experience-in-taking-up-subject-based-banding</a>



## 2. Term 2 Assessments

The Sec 1-4/5 girls should start to settle down into a season of revising for their Term 2 assessments. We believe that there is a time and season for everything. I will start to settle the girls down to work towards giving their best in the Term 2 assessments in the upcoming weeks leading to the assessments. The girls will be encouraged to stay back to study in the various conducive learning spaces in school, if they prefer to study with their friends. The teachers will also be at hand to give consultations to those who need extra help. The girls should practise their note-taking and time management skills that they have picked up in the PL21 lessons.

The Term 2 Assessments are scheduled as shown below:

- Sec 1 & 2 Common Tests (CTs): 7 - 10 May 2019
- Sec 3 Common Tests: 6 - 10 May 2019
- Sec 4E/5N Prep Exam: 6 - 17 May 2019
- Sec 4NA/NT Prep Exam: 6-15 May 2019

The letters with the detailed CT/Exam schedule will be issued to the parents in Term 2 week 3.

## 3. Sec 4/5 Night Study Programme (NSP)

The Night Study Programme will commence this term on a weekly basis. In the weeks leading up to the school and national examinations, the frequency of the sessions will be increased to help pace the girls in their revision efforts. Please refer to school website's Announcement page for the Termly Night Study Programme schedule.

- Time:** 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** School Library 'PL Booktique'  
**Attire:** School T-shirt and school skorts/bermudas/jeans and covered shoes

## 4. Highlights of Key School Events in Term 2

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 2, 2019:

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
Honour Our Word (Be Trustworthy)	2 Apr 2019 (Tue)	2019 SYF presentation - Harp (SOTA)
	3 Apr 2019 (Wed)	2019 SYF presentation - Guitar (SOTA)
	3 - 11 Apr 2019	Sec 4 and 5 EL Prelim Oral exams
	6 Apr 2019 (Sat)	4th Coy Combined GB Enrolment Service 2019
	9 Apr 2019 (Tue)	2019 SYF presentation – Concert Band (SCO)
	10 Apr 2019 (Wed)	2019 Prefects' Installation
	11 Apr 2019 (Thur)	2019 SYF presentation – Dance (UCC)
	12 Apr 2019 (Fri)	2019 SYF presentation – Choir (SOTA)
	12 Apr 2019 (Fri)	International Friendship Day celebrations
	12 Apr 2019 (Fri)	NAPFA tests for Sec 4/5
	16 Apr 2019 (Tues)	NAPFA tests Sec 2
	18 Apr 2019 (Thur)	2019 SYF presentation – EL Drama (SOTA)
	19 Apr 2019 (Fri)	Good Friday Holiday
	23 Apr 2019 (Tue)	2019 SYF presentation – Handbell (SOTA) 2019 SYF presentation – Guzheng (SCO)
	24 Apr 2019 (Wed)	2019 SYF presentation – CL Drama (D'Arts) (SOTA)
	26 Apr 2019 (Fri)	Sec 3 Subject Combination Briefing for Parents and PL-

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	30 Apr 2019 (Tues)	2019 Symphony of Praise Concert
Honour Our Leaders	1 May 2019 (Wed)	Labour Day Holiday
	6 - 10 May 2019	Sec 1-3 Common Tests
	6 - 17 May 2019	Sec 4/5 Preparation Exam
	19 May 2019 (Sun)	Vesak Day Holidays
	20 May 2019 (Mon)	Day after Vesak Day Holiday
	21 May 2019 (Tue)	Mother Tongue Intensive lessons for Sec 4/5 commences
	24 May 2019 (Fri)	2019 ECG Conference
	25 May 2019 (Sat)	Parents' Workshop (Cyber-wellness)
	25 – 29 May 2019	OFIS trip to Vietnam OFIS Trip to Cambodia
	<b>30 May 2019 (Thur)</b>	<b>Teacher-Meets-Parents (8 am – 5 pm)</b> Post-Secondary Educational Institutes Fair 2019
	31 May 2019 (Fri)	Official Last day of Term 2
	1 – 28 Jun 2019	June School Holidays (Protected Leave: 10-21 Jun 2019)
	<b>3 Jun 2019 (Mon)</b>	<b>GCE O-Level MT exams P1 and P2</b>
	1 Jul 2019 (Mon)	School Reopens for Term 3

Every Mon morning, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.	<i>PrayingParents@PL</i> meets every Monday morning, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. at the SFE room for a time of prayer and fellowship
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.	<i>Fathers@School</i> holds its monthly breakfast bonding session every third Wednesday of the month, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. at the SFE room.

Please check the school website (<http://plmgss.moe.edu.sg/>) for regular updates on the school programmes and other administrative matters. Do also follow us on our Facebook page for the happenings in and around the school (<https://www.facebook.com/PLMGSAumni/>).

Thank you for your support and for partnering us to care for your daughters.

Warmest Regards,

*Mrs Quek*

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